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SUBJECT: UNCTAD PROPOSAL TO RECONVENE UNCTAD WORKING GROUP
ON RULES OF ORIGIN

REF: GENEVA 1614

1. FOLLOWING SECRETARIAT RECOMMENDATION (PARA 38, TD/ B/ C.5/9),
LDCS AT UNCTAD SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES MEETING EXPECTED
TO REQUEST RECONVENING OF WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF ORIGIN. LDCS
WOULD LIKE TO HAVE WG CONSIDER PRINCIPALLY: (1) SIMPLER AND HAR-
MONIZED RULES OR ORIGIN; (2) CUMULATIVE ORIGIN FOR ALL LDC BENE-
FICIARIES OR REGIONAL GROUPINGS, AND (3) COUNTING OF MATERIALS
AND COMPONENTS ORIGINATING IN PREFERENCE GRANTING COUNTRY AND
INCLUDED IN LDC PRODUCT AS PART OF LDC VALUE ADDED. AUSTRALIA
ALREADY ALLOWS CUMULATIVE ORIGIN, WHILE JAPAN AND NEW ZEALAND
ALLOW BOTH CUMULATIVE ORIGIN AND THEIR OWN COMPONENTS AS PART OF
LDC VALUDE ADDED.

2. GROUP B COUNTRIES GENERALLY READY TO AGREE TO RECONVENING OF
WG. OBJECTIVES WOULD BE PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY EXPLAIN EXISTING RULES
THOROUGHLY AND EXAMINE POSSIBLE CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS IN-
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CLUDING POSSIBILITIES FOR HARMONIZATION. SECRETARIAT WOULD BE
ASKED TO PREPARE A PAPER ON ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED ON BASIS OF
LDC INTERVENTIONS ON SUBJECT AS PRESENT SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING.
PAPER WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR STUDY BEFORE CONVEING OF WG. GROUP
B ENVISIONS OCT.- NOV.1973 AS EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE FOR MEETING.

3. IN VIEW TECHNICAL NATURE OF SUBJECT AND DIFFICULTY HANDLING
DETAILS OF SUBJECT IN FULL COMMITTEE, USDEL RECOMMENDS WE SUPPORT
POSITION TAKEN BY OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES ON RECONVENING OF WG.
WE WOULD STRESS NEED FOR ADEQUATE DOCUMENTATION WELL IN ADVANCE.
PLEASE ADVISE. RIMESTAD

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